

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1985 AMENDMENT

Section 204(a), (b) of Pub. L. 99-121, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“(a) SECTION 201.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The amendments made by section 201 [amending this section] shall apply with respect to loans made after the date of enactment of this Act [Oct. 11, 1985].

“(2) SECTION 7872 NOT TO APPLY TO CERTAIN LOANS.—Section 7872 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954] shall not apply to loans made on or before the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 11, 1985] to any qualified continuing care facility pursuant to a continuing care contract. For purposes of this paragraph, the terms ‘qualified continuing care facility’ and ‘continuing care contract’ have the meanings given such terms by section 7872(g) of such Code (as added by section 201).

“(b) SECTION 202.—The amendment made by section 202 [amending this section] shall apply to contracts entered into after June 30, 1985, in taxable years ending after such date.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 172(c) of Pub. L. 98-369, as amended by Pub. L. 99-514, §2, Oct. 22, 1986, 100 Stat. 2095, provided that:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), the amendments made by this section [enacting this section] shall apply to—

“(A) term loans made after June 6, 1984, and

“(B) demand loans outstanding after June 6, 1984.

“(2) EXCEPTION FOR DEMAND LOANS OUTSTANDING ON JUNE 6, 1984, AND REPAID WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF ENACTMENT.—The amendments made by this section shall not apply to any demand loan which—

“(A) was outstanding on June 6, 1984, and

“(B) was repaid before the date 60 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 18, 1984].

“(3) EXCEPTION FOR CERTAIN EXISTING LOANS TO CONTINUING CARE FACILITIES.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to apply the amendments made by this section to any loan made before June 6, 1984, to a continuing care facility by a resident of such facility which is contingent on continued residence at such facility.

“(4) APPLICABLE FEDERAL RATE FOR PERIODS BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1985.—For periods before January 1, 1985, the applicable Federal rate under paragraph (2) of section 7872(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 [formerly I.R.C. 1954], as added by this section, shall be 10 percent, compounded semiannually.

“(5) TREATMENT OF RENEGOTIATIONS, ETC.—For purposes of this subsection, any loan renegotiated, extended, or revised after June 6, 1984, shall be treated as a loan made after such date.

“(6) DEFINITION OF TERM AND DEMAND LOANS.—For purposes of this subsection, the terms ‘demand loan’ and ‘term loan’ have the respective meanings given such terms by paragraphs (5) and (6) of section 7872(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by this section, but the second sentence of such paragraph (5) shall not apply.”

PLAN AMENDMENTS NOT REQUIRED UNTIL  
JANUARY 1, 1989

For provisions directing that if any amendments made by subtitle A or subtitle C of title XI [§§ 1101-1147 and 1171-1177] or title XVIII [§§ 1800-1899A] of Pub. L. 99-514 require an amendment to any plan, such plan amendment shall not be required to be made before the first plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 1989, see section 1140 of Pub. L. 99-514, as amended, set out as a note under section 401 of this title.

CERTAIN ISRAEL OR POLISH BONDS NOT SUBJECT TO  
RULES RELATING TO BELOW-MARKET LOANS

Section 1812(b)(5) of Pub. L. 99-514, as amended by Pub. L. 101-179, title III, §307(a), Nov. 28, 1989, 103 Stat.

1314, provided that: “Section 7872 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [now 1986] (relating to treatment of loans with below-market interest rates) shall not apply to any obligation issued by Israel or Poland if—

“(A) the obligation is payable in United States dollars, and

“(B) the obligation bears interest at an annual rate of not less than 4 percent.”

[Section 307(b) of Pub. L. 101-179 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending section 1812(b)(5) of Pub. L. 99-514, set out above] shall apply to obligations issued after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 28, 1989].”]

## SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 142, 856, 4941 of this title.

**§ 7873. Income derived by Indians from exercise of fishing rights****(a) In general****(1) Income and self-employment taxes**

No tax shall be imposed by subtitle A on income derived—

(A) by a member of an Indian tribe directly or through a qualified Indian entity, or

(B) by a qualified Indian entity,

from a fishing rights-related activity of such tribe.

**(2) Employment taxes**

No tax shall be imposed by subtitle C on remuneration paid for services performed in a fishing rights-related activity of an Indian tribe by a member of such tribe for another member of such tribe or for a qualified Indian entity.

**(b) Definitions**

For purposes of this section—

**(1) Fishing rights-related activity**

The term “fishing rights-related activity” means, with respect to an Indian tribe, any activity directly related to harvesting, processing, or transporting fish harvested in the exercise of a recognized fishing right of such tribe or to selling such fish but only if substantially all of such harvesting was performed by members of such tribe.

**(2) Recognized fishing rights**

The term “recognized fishing rights” means, with respect to an Indian tribe, fishing rights secured as of March 17, 1988, by a treaty between such tribe and the United States or by an Executive order or an Act of Congress.

**(3) Qualified Indian entity****(A) In general**

The term “qualified Indian entity” means, with respect to an Indian tribe, any entity if—

(i) such entity is engaged in a fishing rights-related activity of such tribe,

(ii) all of the equity interests in the entity are owned by qualified Indian tribes, members of such tribes, or their spouses,

(iii) except as provided in regulations, in the case of an entity which engages to any extent in any substantial processing or transporting of fish, 90 percent or more of

the annual gross receipts of the entity is derived from fishing rights-related activities of one or more qualified Indian tribes each of which owns at least 10 percent of the equity interests in the entity, and

(iv) substantially all of the management functions of the entity are performed by members of qualified Indian tribes.

For purposes of clause (iii), equity interests owned by a member (or the spouse of a member) of a qualified Indian tribe shall be treated as owned by the tribe.

**(B) Qualified indian tribe**

For purposes of subparagraph (A), an Indian tribe is a qualified Indian tribe with respect to an entity if such entity is engaged in a fishing rights-related activity of such tribe.

**(c) Special rules**

**(1) Distributions from qualified Indian entity**

For purposes of this section, any distribution with respect to an equity interest in a qualified Indian entity of an Indian tribe to a member of such tribe shall be treated as derived by such member from a fishing rights-related activity of such tribe to the extent such distribution is attributable to income derived by such entity from a fishing rights-related activity of such tribe.

**(2) De minimis unrelated amounts may be excluded**

If, but for this paragraph, all but a de minimis amount—

(A) derived by a qualified Indian tribal entity, or by an individual through such an entity, is entitled to the benefits of paragraph (1) of subsection (a), or

(B) paid to an individual for services is entitled to the benefits of paragraph (2) of subsection (a),

then the entire amount shall be entitled to the benefits of such paragraph.

(Added Pub. L. 100-647, title III, §3041(a), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3640.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 3044 of subtitle E (§§3041-3044) of title III of Pub. L. 100-647 provided that:

“(a) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this subtitle [enacting this section and amending sections 1402 and 3121 of this title, section 71 of Title 25, Indians, and sections 409 and 411 of Title 42, The Public Health and Welfare] shall apply to all periods beginning before, on, or after the date of the enactment of this Act [Nov. 10, 1988].

“(b) NO INFERENCE CREATED.—Nothing in the amendments made by this subtitle shall create any inference as to the existence or non-existence or scope of any exemption from tax for income derived from fishing rights secured as of March 17, 1988, by any treaty, law, or Executive Order.”

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1402, 3121 of this title; title 25 section 71; title 42 sections 409, 411.

**Subtitle G—The Joint Committee on Taxation**

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AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1907(b)(1), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1836, struck out “Internal Revenue” in heading of subtitle G.

**CHAPTER 91—ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Sec.	
8001.	Authorization.
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8003.	Election of chairman and vice chairman.
8004.	Appointment and compensation of staff.
8005.	Payment of expenses.

**§ 8001. Authorization**

There shall be a joint congressional committee known as the Joint Committee on Taxation (hereinafter in this subtitle referred to as the “Joint Committee”).

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 925; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1907(a)(1), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1835.)

AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 struck out “Internal Revenue” after “Committee on”.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Section 1907(c) of Pub. L. 94-455 provided that: “The amendments made by this section [amending this section and sections 8004, 8021, and 8023 of this title and enacting provisions set out below] shall take effect on the first day of the first month which begins more than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act [Oct. 4, 1976].”

REFERENCES TO JOINT COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL REVENUE TAXATION

Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1907(a)(5), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1836, provided that: “All references in any other statute, or in any rule, regulation, or order, to the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation shall be considered to be made to the Joint Committee on Taxation.”

**§ 8002. Membership**

**(a) Number and selection**

The Joint Committee shall be composed of 10 members as follows:

**(1) From Committee on Finance**

Five members who are members of the Committee on Finance of the Senate, three from the majority and two from the minority party, to be chosen by such Committee; and

**(2) From Committee on Ways and Means**

Five members who are members of the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives, three from the majority and two from the minority party, to be chosen by such Committee.

<sup>1</sup> Section numbers editorially supplied.

**(b) Tenure of office****(1) General limitation**

No person shall continue to serve as a member of the Joint Committee after he has ceased to be a member of the Committee by which he was chosen, except that—

**(2) Exception**

The members chosen by the Committee on Ways and Means who have been reelected to the House of Representatives may continue to serve as members of the Joint Committee notwithstanding the expiration of the Congress.

**(c) Vacancies**

A vacancy in the Joint Committee—

**(1) Effect**

Shall not affect the power of the remaining members to execute the functions of the Joint Committee; and

**(2) Manner of filling**

Shall be filled in the same manner as the original selection, except that—

**(A) Adjournment or recess of Congress**

In case of a vacancy during an adjournment or recess of Congress for a period of more than 2 weeks, the members of the Joint Committee who are members of the Committee entitled to fill such vacancy may designate a member of such Committee to serve until his successor is chosen by such Committee; and

**(B) Expiration of Congress**

In the case of a vacancy after the expiration of a Congress which would be filled by the Committee on Ways and Means, the members of such Committee who are continuing to serve as members of the Joint Committee may designate a person who, immediately prior to such expiration, was a member of such Committee and who is reelected to the House of Representatives, to serve until his successor is chosen by such Committee.

**(d) Allowances**

The members shall serve without compensation in addition to that received for their services as members of Congress; but they shall be reimbursed for travel, subsistence, and other necessary expenses incurred by them in the performance of the duties vested in the Joint Committee, other than expenses in connection with meetings of the Joint Committee held in the District of Columbia during such times as the Congress is in session.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 925.)

**§ 8003. Election of chairman and vice chairman**

The Joint Committee shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from among its members.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 926.)

**§ 8004. Appointment and compensation of staff**

Except as otherwise provided by law, the Joint Committee shall have power to appoint and fix the compensation of the Chief of Staff of the

Joint Committee and such experts and clerical, stenographic, and other assistants as it deems advisable.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 926; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, §1907(a)(2), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1835.)

## AMENDMENTS

1976—Pub. L. 94-455 substituted “compensation of the Chief of Staff of the Joint Committee” for “compensation of a clerk” after “appoint and fix the”.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-455 effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1907(c) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 8001 of this title.

## CROSS REFERENCES

Compensation of Chief of Staff, see section 74a-2 of Title 2, The Congress.

**§ 8005. Payment of expenses**

The expenses of the Joint Committee shall be paid one-half from the contingent fund of the Senate and one-half from the contingent fund of the House of Representatives, upon vouchers signed by the chairman or the vice chairman.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 926.)

**CHAPTER 92—POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

Sec.	
8021.	Powers.
8022.	Duties.
8023.	Additional powers to obtain data.

**§ 8021. Powers****(a) To obtain data and inspect income returns**

For powers of the Joint Committee to obtain and inspect income returns, see section 6103(f).

**(b) Relating to hearings and sessions**

The Joint Committee, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized—

**(1) To hold**

To hold hearings and to sit and act at such places and times;

**(2) To require attendance of witnesses and production of books**

To require by subpoena (to be issued under the signature of the chairman or vice chairman) or otherwise the attendance of such witnesses and the production of such books, papers, and documents;

**(3) To administer oaths**

To administer such oaths; and

**(4) To take testimony**

To take such testimony;

as it deems advisable.

**(c) To procure printing and binding**

The Joint Committee, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized to have such printing and binding done as it deems advisable.

**(d) To make expenditures**

The Joint Committee, or any subcommittee thereof, is authorized to make such expenditures as it deems advisable.

**(e) Investigations**

The Joint Committee shall review all requests (other than requests by the chairman or ranking member of a committee or subcommittee) for investigations of the Internal Revenue Service by the General Accounting Office, and approve such requests when appropriate, with a view towards eliminating overlapping investigations, ensuring that the General Accounting Office has the capacity to handle the investigation, and ensuring that investigations focus on areas of primary importance to tax administration.

**(f) Relating to joint reviews****(1) In general**

The Chief of Staff, and the staff of the Joint Committee, shall provide such assistance as is required for joint reviews described in paragraph (2).

**(2) Joint reviews**

Before June 1 of each calendar year after 1998 and before 2004, there shall be a joint review of the strategic plans and budget for the Internal Revenue Service and such other matters as the Chairman of the Joint Committee deems appropriate. Such joint review shall be held at the call of the Chairman of the Joint Committee and shall include two members of the majority and one member of the minority from each of the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and the Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, and Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives.

(Aug. 16, 1954, ch. 736, 68A Stat. 927; Pub. L. 94-455, title XIX, § 1907(a)(3), Oct. 4, 1976, 90 Stat. 1835; Pub. L. 100-647, title I, § 1018(s)(1), Nov. 10, 1988, 102 Stat. 3586; Pub. L. 105-206, title IV, § 4001(a), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 783.)

## AMENDMENTS

1998—Subsecs. (e), (f). Pub. L. 105-206 added subsecs. (e) and (f).

1988—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 100-647 substituted “6103(f)” for “6103(d)”.

1976—Subsec. (d). Pub. L. 94-455 struck out par. (2) relating to limitation on cost of stenographic services in reporting hearings.

## CHANGE OF NAME

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of House of Representatives changed to Committee on Government Reform of House of Representatives by House Resolution No. 5, One Hundred Sixth Congress, Jan. 6, 1999.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1998 AMENDMENT

Pub. L. 105-206, title IV, § 4001(b), July 22, 1998, 112 Stat. 784, provided that:

“(1) Subsection (e) of section 8021 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as added by subsection (a) of this section [amending this section], shall apply to requests made after the date of the enactment of this Act [July 22, 1998].

“(2) Subsection (f) of such section shall take effect on the date of the enactment of this Act.”

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1988 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 100-647 effective, except as otherwise provided, as if included in the provision of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-514, to which

such amendment relates, see section 1019(a) of Pub. L. 100-647, set out as a note under section 1 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1976 AMENDMENT

Amendment by Pub. L. 94-455 effective on first day of first month which begins more than 90 days after Oct. 4, 1976, see section 1907(c) of Pub. L. 94-455, set out as a note under section 8001 of this title.

**§ 8022. Duties**

It shall be the duty of the Joint Committee—

**(1) Investigation****(A) Operation and effects of law**

To investigate the operation and effects of the Federal system of internal revenue taxes;

**(B) Administration**

To investigate the administration of such taxes by the Internal Revenue Service or any executive department, establishment, or agency charged with their administration; and

**(C) Other investigations**

To make such other investigations in respect of such system of taxes as the Joint Committee may deem necessary.

**(2) Simplification of law****(A) Investigation of methods**

To investigate measures and methods for the simplification of such taxes, particularly the income tax; and

**(B) Publication of proposals**

To publish, from time to time, for public examination and analysis, proposed measures and methods for the simplification of such taxes.

**(3) Reports**

(A) To report, from time to time, to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Ways and Means, and, in its discretion, to the Senate or House of Representatives, or both, the results of its investigations, together with such recommendations as it may deem advisable.

(B) Subject to amounts specifically appropriated to carry out this subparagraph, to report, at least once each Congress, to the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Ways and Means on the overall state of the Federal tax system, together with recommendations with respect to possible simplification proposals and other matters relating to the administration of the Federal tax system as it may deem advisable.

(C) To report, for each calendar year after 1998 and before 2004, to the Committees on Finance, Appropriations, and Governmental Affairs of the Senate, and to the Committees on Ways and Means, Appropriations, and Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, with respect to—

(i) strategic and business plans for the Internal Revenue Service;

(ii) progress of the Internal Revenue Service in meeting its objectives;

(iii) the budget for the Internal Revenue Service and whether it supports its objectives;